

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of two water pollution control discharge permits #NEV89063 and #NEV97016 from the following applicant:

Utilities Inc. of Central Nevada
1240 E. State Street
Pahrump, Nevada 89048

The applicant, Utilities Inc. of Central Nevada (UICN), formerly Central Nevada Utilities Company, operates both wastewater treatment Plant # 3 which serves the central portion of Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada(#NEV89063) and the Calvada North #2, Plant "F" (NEV97016) which serves a new subdivision area northwest of central Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada. The proposed permits are for the tertiary (Plant #3) and the secondary (Plant "F") Marwood wastewater treatment plants which supply treated, denitrified, disinfected effluent for reuse irrigation. Plant # 3 supplies two golf courses and a driving range; groundwater is blended with the reuse water to meet golf course irrigation demands. Plant "F" utilizes reuse water for onsite irrigation of trees and grasses. The permits will each cover a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue the Water Pollution Control Permits, subject to certain limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of newspaper publication, by May 5, 2003, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permits, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Icyll Mulligan of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9432, or by FAX at 775.687.4684.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.